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Addendum

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Programme questions: proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (item 3 (b))

Programme 4. Peaceful uses of outer space

1. At its 8th meeting, on 13 June 2000, the Committee considered programme 4, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme. The view was expressed that the use of space technology should benefit all countries and that capacity-building, space science and technology education were important elements of the programme. The importance of legal and policy issues was emphasized. The view was expressed that there should be better linkage between the objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve programme 4 of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, subject to the following modifications:

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(a) Paragraph 4.3:

Replace the paragraph with a new paragraph reading:

"The objective of the programme is to deepen the understanding of the international community of ongoing space activities and the role that space technology can play in economic and social development, as well as to facilitate the use of space science and technology in solving problems of regional or global significance, with an emphasis on its application for sustainable development within and outside the United Nations system, taking into account the strategy to address global challenges in the future, as articulated in 'The Space Millennium: Vienna Declaration on Space and Human Development', adopted by the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III), as well as the measures agreed to by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to implement the recommendations of the Conference";

(b) Paragraph 4.5:

After the first sentence, insert a new sentence reading "The Office will assist developing countries, when requested, in the development of national space legislation and ratification of existing outer space treaties";

(c) Paragraph 4.6:

(i) Replace the second sentence with a new sentence reading "It will be expanded to include activities to reach young professionals, university students and the private sector, where appropriate";

(ii) Before the last sentence, insert a new sentence reading "The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space will seek enhanced involvement of appropriate non-governmental organizations in its work";

(d) Paragraph 4.9:

Insert two new subparagraphs reading:

"(d) An improvement in the indigenous capabilities among Member States for utilizing space technology for economic and social development;

"(e) An increase in and further enhancement of training opportunities for developing countries, including fellowships provided to individuals from developing countries to participate in workshops, expert meetings and training courses on various topics of space science and technology and its application."